

THE SCOOP

February 6, 2019

DD Board reorganizes for 2019

The Richland County Board of Developmental Disabilities held its 2019 organizational meeting on Jan. 23.



Stephen Swank will serve as president. Swank has been a board member since 2014 and previously served as vice-president and secretary. He is also a board trustee for the Ohio Association of County Boards Serving People with Developmental Disabilities (OACB).

The other officers for 2019 are Richard Otto, who will serve as vice-president, and Michael Howard, who was elected secretary.

The board will continue to hold its regular meetings on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 11:30 a.m. at Richland Newhope's Administrative Offices, 314 Cleveland Ave., Mansfield. There will not be a meeting in July and November, and the December board meeting will be held on Dec. 11. All meetings are open to the public.

Other members of the DD Board are Amanda Chapman, Geneva Cummins, Nicholas

Gesouras, and Nicolas Comstock.

STABLE account presentations planned

Want to learn more about STABLE accounts?

Just attend one of two presentations planned for Feb. 20 at Richland Newhope's Service and Support Administration offices, 220 Home Ave., Mansfield. The sessions are at 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. You can RSVP at 419-774-4260.

In June of 2016 Ohio became the first state in the nation to launch an ABLÉ (Achieving A Better Life Experience) program, and it's been leading the nation in the number of participants ever since.

Called STABLE in Ohio, it's an investment account that allows qualified individuals with disabilities to save and invest money without losing eligibility for certain public benefit programs, such as Medicaid.

The maximum yearly contribution is \$15,000 from any person or any source.

To qualify for a STABLE account, individuals must have disabilities that onset prior to age 26. Account funds also must be used for qualified disability expenses such as education, housing, transportation, healthcare, assistive technology, employment needs, and basic living expenses.

THE RULES HAVE CHANGED...

STABLE ACCOUNT Individuals with disabilities can now save and invest without losing government benefits such as Medicaid or SSI.

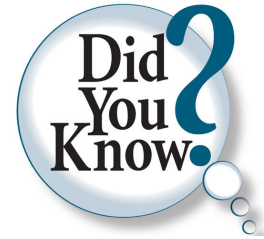
- Nationwide enrollment for individuals with disabilities
- Tax-free savings plan for disability-related expenses
- Save and invest without losing needs-based benefits



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If you can't attend one of the presentations and want more information about STABLE accounts, go to www.stableaccount.com.

Did You Know?



Richland Newhope's Therapy Department contracts with local schools and school districts to provide occupational, physical, and speech therapy services to hundreds of students each year. They include students in the Mansfield City Schools, Shelby Schools, Mansfield St. Peter's, Foundation Academy, Richland School of Academic Arts, and Discovery School. Our therapists also do play-based assessments for the Mansfield City and Lucas School Districts.

Calendar

Feb. 6 – Independent provider meeting, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Service & Support Administration, Training Room 12, 220 Home Ave., Mansfield

Feb. 11 - SCRAP recycling trailer, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m., Early Childhood Center, 255 Hedges St., Mansfield

Feb. 14 – Crisis Response Training for providers, 12 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., Service & Support Administration, Training Room 12, 220 Home Ave., Mansfield

Feb. 18 – Presidents' Day: Richland Newhope Administration Building, Service & Support Administration, and Early Childhood Center closed

Feb. 27 – Richland County Board of Developmental Disabilities regular meeting, 11:30 a.m., Richland Newhope Administration Building, 314 Cleveland Ave., Mansfield

Feb. 28 – DD Awareness Month Kickoff, 9:30 a.m., Richland County Administration Building, 50 Park Ave. East, Mansfield

March 1 - First Friday, 5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. Element of Art Studio/Gallery, 96 N. Main St., Mansfield

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